

Amendments to the Claims:

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108. (New) A closure device comprising:

interlocking fastening strips having first and second ends, said first end having a protrusion formed adjacent a top portion thereof;

a slider member movably installed upon the interlocking fastening strips, the slider member facilitating the occlusion of the interlocking fastening strips when moved towards the first end thereof, the slider member having a pair of spaced-apart side walls which are positioned on opposite sides of the interlocking fastening strips, an intermediate body portion between the side walls which is positioned upon the interlocking fastening strips, and a notch formed in said intermediate body portion; and

wherein at least one of said notch or said protrusion having a pair of spaced apart contact surfaces which interact with and wedgingly engage respective contact portions of the other of said notch or protrusion to obstruct further movement of the slider member beyond said first end.

109. (New) The invention as in claim 108 wherein:

the slider member includes a second notch;

said second end of said fastening strips includes a second protrusion; and

wherein at least one of said second notch or said second protrusion having a pair of spaced apart contact surfaces which interact with and wedgingly engage respective

contact portions of the other of said second notch or second protrusion to obstruct further movement of the slider member beyond said second end.

110. (New) The invention set forth in claim 108, wherein the spaced apart contact surfaces include opposed exterior sides of the protrusion and the respective contact portions include opposed interior sides of the notch, wherein the opposed exterior sides of the protrusion become wedged between the opposed interior sides of the notch to restrict disengagement of the slider member from the interlocking fastening strip when the slider member is moved toward the first end thereof.

111. (New) The invention set forth in claim 108, wherein the notch of the slider member has a generally V-shaped configuration that contains the spaced apart contact surfaces.

112. (New) The invention set forth in claim 111, wherein the spaced apart contact surfaces of the generally V-shaped notch comprise opposed interior sides.

113. (New) The invention set forth in claim 112, wherein the opposed interior sides of the notch are substantially planar.

114. (New) The invention set forth in claim 112, wherein the opposed interior sides of the notch are rectangular in configuration and converge along a generally vertical internal corner.

115. (New) The invention set forth in claim 112, wherein the opposed interior sides of the notch are triangular in configuration and converge along an inclined internal corner.

116. (New) The invention set forth in claim 115, wherein the protrusion has a pair of opposed exterior sides that comprise the spaced apart contact surfaces and an edge portion therebetween.

117. (New) The invention set forth in claim 116, wherein the edge portion of the protrusion is inclined with respect to the interlocking fastening strip.

118. (New) The invention set forth in claim 117, wherein the edge portion of the protrusion slopes upwardly and outwardly with respect to the interlocking fastening strip.

119. (New) The invention set forth in claim 116, wherein the opposed exterior sides of the protrusion are substantially parallel with respect to each other.

120. (New) The invention set forth in claim 116, wherein the opposed exterior sides of the protrusion are generally triangular in configuration.

121. (New) The invention set forth in claim 110, wherein the protrusion formed on the interlocking fastening strip has a generally wedge-shaped configuration that contains the spaced apart contact surfaces.

122. (New) The invention set forth in claim 121, wherein the protrusion has a pair of opposed exterior sides that comprise the spaced apart contact surfaces and an edge portion therebetween.

123. (New) The invention set forth in claim 121, wherein the opposed exterior sides of the protrusion flare outwardly with respect to each other and the interlocking fastening strip.

124. (New) The invention set forth in claim 122, wherein the edge portion of the protrusion slopes upwardly and outwardly with respect to the interlocking fastening strip.

125. (New) The invention set forth in claim 123, wherein the notch of the slider member has a partially curved configuration.

126. (New) The invention set forth in claim 125, wherein the notch has a pair of opposed interior sides and an intermediate arcuate portion therebetween.

127. (New) The invention set forth in claim 126, wherein the opposed interior sides of the notch are substantially parallel with respect to each other.

128. (New) The invention set forth in claim 123, wherein the notch has a generally rectangular configuration.

129. (New) The invention set forth in claim 128, wherein the notch has a pair of opposed interior sides and an intermediate portion therebetween.

130. (New) The invention set forth in claim 129, wherein the opposed interior sides of the notch are substantially parallel with respect to each other.

131. (New) The invention set forth in claim 129, wherein the intermediate portion and the opposed interior sides of the notch are substantially planar.

132. (New) The invention set forth in claim 129, wherein the intermediate portion and the opposed interior sides of the notch have generally rectangular configurations.

133. (New) The invention set forth in claim 129, wherein the intermediate portion and the opposed interior sides of the notch converge along substantially vertical internal corners.

134. (New) The invention set forth in claim 120, wherein the intermediate portion of the notch includes substantially vertical external corners.

135. (New) A storage container comprising:

- a pair of complementary sheets;

- a first fastening strip disposed along an edge portion of one sheet;

a second fastening strip disposed along an edge portion of the other sheet and disposed to interlockingly engage the first fastening strip to form a pair of interlocking fastening strips having first and second ends, wherein said first end having a protrusion formed adjacent a top portion thereof; and

a slider member movably disposed upon the first and second fastening strips, the slider member facilitating the occlusion of the interlocking fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof, the slider member having a pair of spaced-apart side walls which are positioned on opposite sides of the interlocking fastening strips, an intermediate body portion between the two side walls which is positioned upon the interlocking fastening strips, and a notch formed in the intermediate body portion; and

wherein at least one of said notch or said protrusion having a pair of spaced apart contact surfaces which interact with and wedgingly engage respective contact portions of the other of said notch or protrusion to obstruct further movement of the slider member beyond said first end.

136. (New) The invention as in claim 135 wherein:

the slider member includes a second notch;

said second end of said fastening strips includes a second protrusion; and

wherein at least one of said second notch or said second protrusion having a pair of spaced apart contact surfaces which interact with and wedgingly engage respective contact portions of the other of said second notch or second protrusion to obstruct further movement of the slider member beyond said second end.

137. (New) The invention set forth in claim 135, wherein the spaced apart contact surfaces include opposed exterior sides of the protrusion and the respective contact portions include opposed interior sides of the notch, wherein the opposed exterior sides of the protrusion become wedged between the opposed interior sides of the notch to restrict disengagement of the slider member from the interlocking fastening strip when the slider member is moved toward the first end thereof.

138. (New) The invention set forth in claim 135, wherein the notch of the slider member has a generally V-shaped configuration that contains the spaced apart contact surfaces.

139. (New) The invention set forth in claim 138, wherein the generally V-shaped notch has opposed interior sides that comprise the spaced apart contact surfaces.

140. (New) The invention set forth in claim 139, wherein the opposed interior sides of the notch are substantially planar.

141. (New) The invention set forth in claim 139, wherein the opposed interior sides of the notch are rectangular in configuration and converge along a generally vertical internal corner.

142. (New) The invention set forth in claim 139, wherein the opposed interior sides of the notch are triangular in configuration and converge along an inclined internal corner.

143. (New) The invention set forth in claim 142, wherein the protrusion has a pair of opposed exterior sides and an edge portion therebetween.

144. (New) The invention set forth in claim 143, wherein the edge portion of the protrusion is inclined with respect to the interlocking fastening strip.

145. (New) The invention set forth in claim 144, wherein the edge portion of the protrusion slopes upwardly and outwardly with respect to the interlocking fastening strip.

146. (New) The invention set forth in claim 143, wherein the opposed exterior sides of the protrusion are substantially parallel with respect to each other.

147. (New) The invention set forth in claim 143, wherein the opposed exterior sides of the protrusion are generally triangular in configuration.

148. (New) The invention set forth in claim 137, wherein the protrusion formed on the interlocking fastening strip has a generally wedge-shaped configuration that contains the spaced apart contact surfaces.

149. (New) The invention set forth in claim 148, wherein the protrusion has a pair of opposed exterior sides that comprise the spaced apart contact surfaces and an edge portion therebetween.

150. (New) The invention set forth in claim 148, wherein the opposed exterior sides of the protrusion flare outwardly with respect to each other and the interlocking fastening strip.

151. (New) The invention set forth in claim 149, wherein the edge portion of the protrusion slopes upwardly and outwardly with respect to the interlocking fastening strip.

152. (New) The invention set forth in claim 150, wherein the notch of the slider member has a partially curved configuration.

153. (New) The invention set forth in claim 152, wherein the notch has a pair of opposed interior sides and an intermediate arcuate portion therebetween.

154. (New) The invention set forth in claim 153, wherein the opposed interior sides of the notch are substantially parallel with respect to each other.

155. (New) The invention set forth in claim 150, wherein the notch has a generally rectangular configuration.

156. (New) The invention set forth in claim 155, wherein the notch has a pair of opposed interior sides and an intermediate portion therebetween.

157. (New) The invention set forth in claim 156, wherein the opposed interior sides of the notch is substantially parallel with respect to each other.

158. (New) The invention set forth in claim 156, wherein the intermediate portion and the opposed interior sides of the notch are substantially planar.

159. (New) The invention set forth in claim 156, wherein the intermediate portion and the opposed interior sides of the notch have generally rectangular configurations.

160. (New) The invention set forth in claim 156, wherein the intermediate portion and the opposed interior sides of the notch converge along substantially vertical internal corners.

161. (New) The invention set forth in claim 156, wherein the intermediate portion of the notch includes substantially vertical external corners.

162. (New) A slider member for facilitating occlusion of interlocking fastening strips when moved towards the first end of the fastening strips, the slider member comprising:

a pair of spaced-apart side walls which are adapted to be installed on opposite sides of interlocking fastening strips;

an intermediate body portion between the side walls which is adapted to be installed upon interlocking fastening strips; and

a notch formed in said intermediate body portion, said notch has a generally v-shaped configuration that contains opposed contact surfaces that interact with and wedgingly engage respective contact portions of a cooperating protrusion formed on one of the interlocking fastening strips adjacent a top portion thereof at a first end thereof to obstruct further movement of the slider member beyond said first end.

163. (New) The invention set forth in claim 162, wherein the spaced apart contact surfaces of the generally V-shaped notch comprise opposed interior sides.

164. (New) The invention set forth in claim 163, wherein the opposed interior sides of the notch are substantially planar.

165. (New) The invention set forth in claim 163, wherein the opposed interior sides of the notch are rectangular in configuration and converge along a generally vertical internal corner.

166. (New) The invention set forth in claim 163, wherein the opposed interior sides of the notch are triangular in configuration and converge along an inclined internal corner.

167. (New) The invention as in claim 162 wherein the slider member includes a second notch having a pair of spaced apart contact surfaces formed in said intermediate body portion thereof which is adapted to interact with and wedgingly engage respective contact portions of a second cooperating protrusion formed on one of the interlocking fastening strips at a second end thereof to obstruct further movement of the slider member beyond said second end.